

whatever, Nebraska legislators, whether we can team up with other states or not, in my opinion, is going to make an impact because I don't think this is a political issue. This is a much more desperate issue than politics, so therefore I support the original resolution. I support anything that this body can do to help solve the problem. In my opinion, it is very, very important we try and do everything we can. This might be one way. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, do you wish recognition?

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes, Mr. President, members, having some past experience of going back to Washington with a national agriculture group, I strongly support at least 20 senators because when you arrive in Washington there are a lot of agencies and a lot of people that this group will want to talk to. So I strongly urge that you do adopt at least 20 members to go back, as long as...if it does pass and they do go back let's make it worthwhile.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support the resolution. I want to also point out that I do not expect to get any kind of good reception in Washington. I do not expect to get an attentive ear. I think we have witnessed, over the years, that Washington, regardless of the political leadership, cares very little about what happens in the middle west. I believe that there are people, even on the farms, who do not believe that the situation is as serious as some of us believe it to be. Certainly the urban areas are, to a certain extent, isolated from the problem. But I believe that eventually, as we have said on this floor many times in the past 15 years or 16 years that I've been here, eventually the problem spreads. The only way we are going to get any concern about what is happening here in Nebraska, from those people outside of Nebraska, is if they are convinced that it is going to have an adverse impact upon themselves. No one cares about what happens to someone else, unless your own ox is being gored. I think that when we stood here many times, and there are those from Senator Warner, Carsten, DeCamp, Chambers, many others, Senator Hefner and Lamb who have been here a number of years, who sat on this floor and we have